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Congressman Frank LoBiondo
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
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Re: Covenant House New Jersey

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

On behalf of our youth, staff and the kids that we serve at Covenant House New Jersey, we thank you so much for your advocacy on this appropriation for capital funding of Nancy's Place. We are now well on our way to realizing our dream of creating a program that meets the needs of homeless youth with severe and persistent mental illness.

Now that we have a foundation for capital funding, we can turn our attention to raising critical programmatic funds for our Nancy's Place model and our Crisis Residential/Community Service Center in Atlantic City. To this end, we humbly request your support in securing operational funds for Nancy's Place in Galloway and our GED Plus Program in Atlantic City.

We have enclosed two appropriation requests, one for Nancy's Place and another for an exciting job training/educational initiative that we want to launch out of our Community Service Center in Atlantic City. Both these programs will serve homeless youth between the ages of 18-21 and will assist them in learning the skills necessary to find and retain employment with the ultimate goal of preparing our young people for independent living.

You have truly been a champion for our youth so we thank you for sharing our vision of providing assistance to homeless youth and for consistently supporting us as we continue to help these young people overcome their challenges and transition into productive members of society.

Sincerely,

Jill Rottmann
Executive Director